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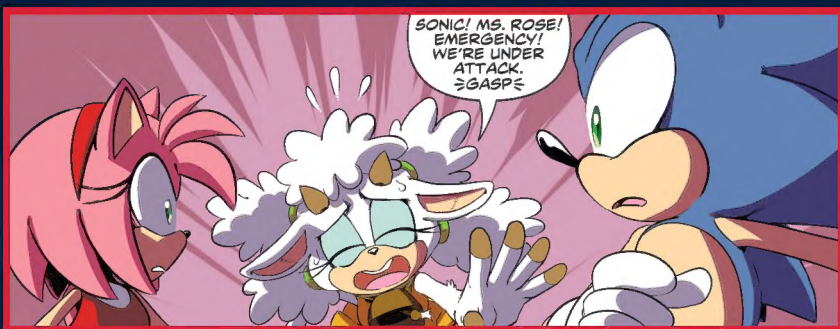
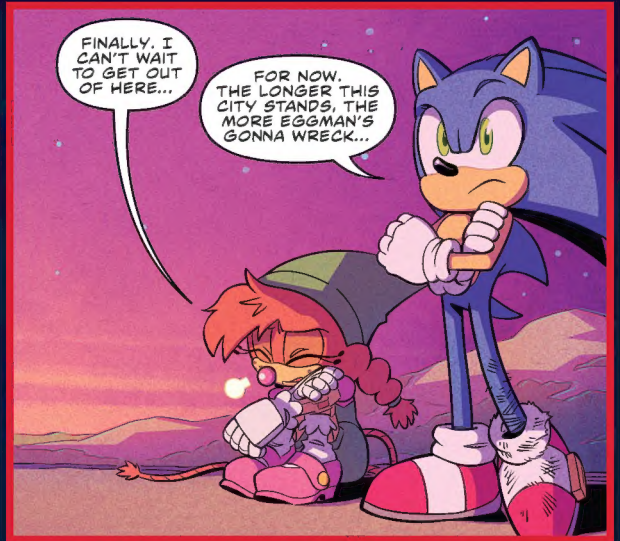
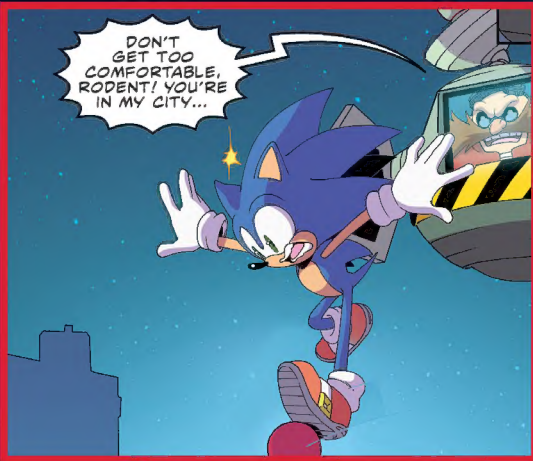
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



JEWEL THE BEETLE

Crystal Curator.
Restoration leader.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.



WHISPER THE WOLF

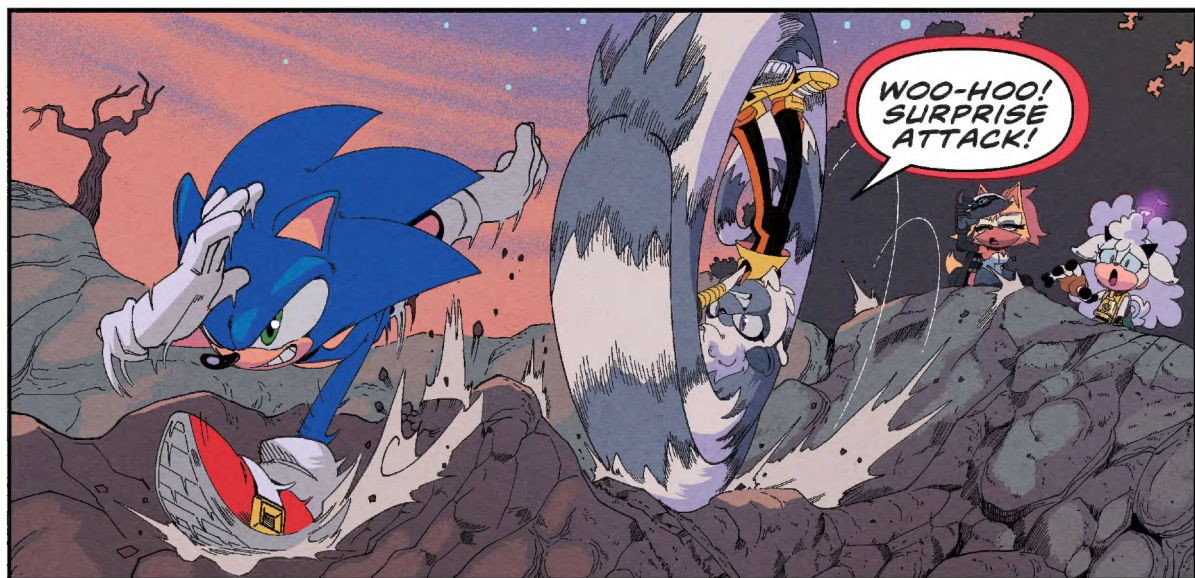
Silent Sniper.
Variable wispon master.

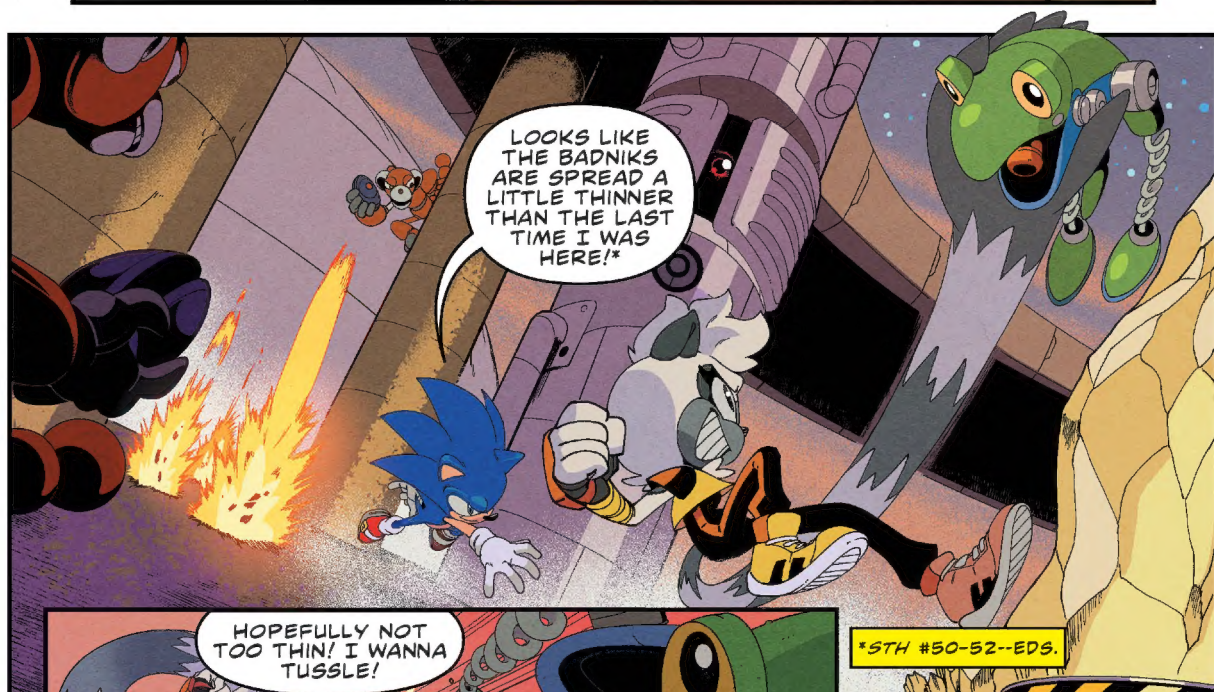


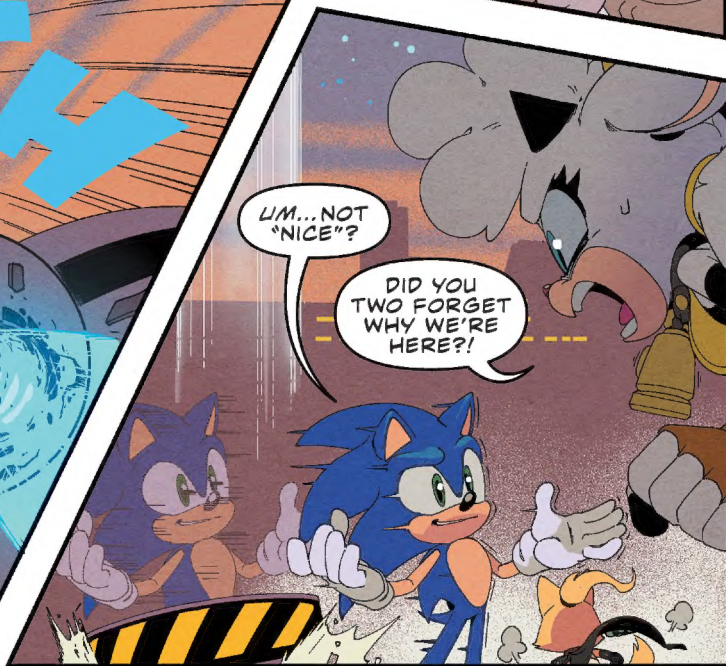
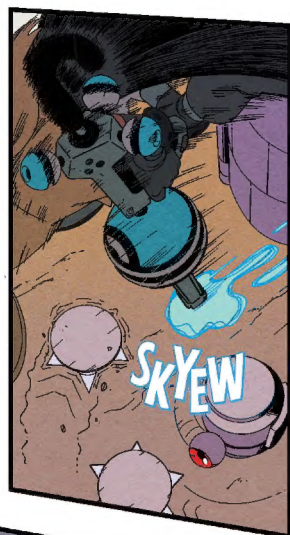
LANOLIN THE SHEEP

Woolen Warrior.
Restoration volunteer.

EGGPERIAL CITY. NOW.







RESTORATION HQ. EARLIER.

HEY THERE, JEWEL! YOU SAID YOU NEEDED A FAVOR?

SONIC! THANK YOU FOR ARRIVING SO PROMPTLY.

YO, SONIC!

HEY, HEY! IS THIS A SURPRISE PARTY OR SOMETHING?

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN. IN THE PAST, THE RESTORATION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON REBUILDING AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS.

LANOLIN HAS MADE A CASE ON HOW WE CAN EXPAND.

WE'RE BUILDING A RAPID-RESPONSE TEAM TO BOTH PROTECT PEOPLE AND TAKE THE INITIATIVE AGAINST ANY THREATS WE CAN DETECT.

IT'S AN ALL-VOLUNTEER SQUAD. SO FAR, THERE'S TANGLE, WHISPER, AND ME.

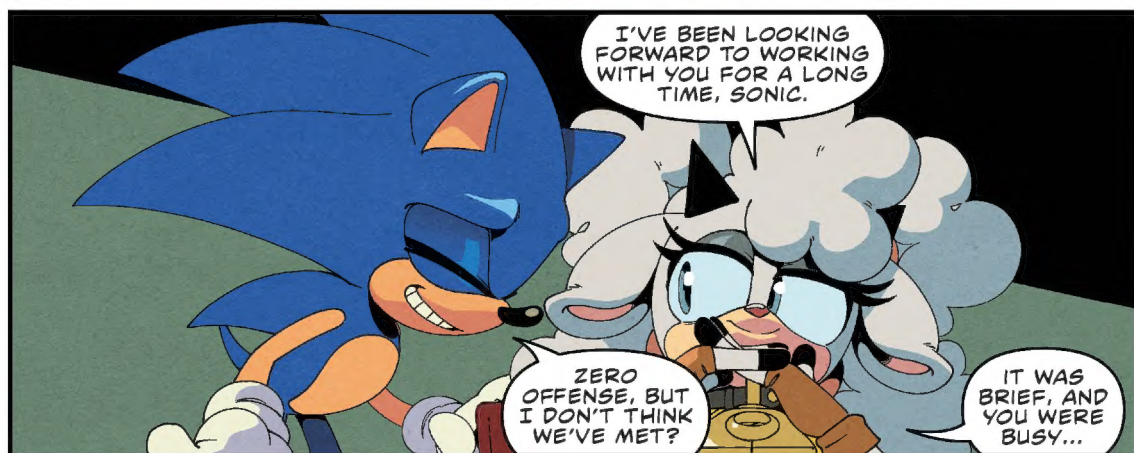
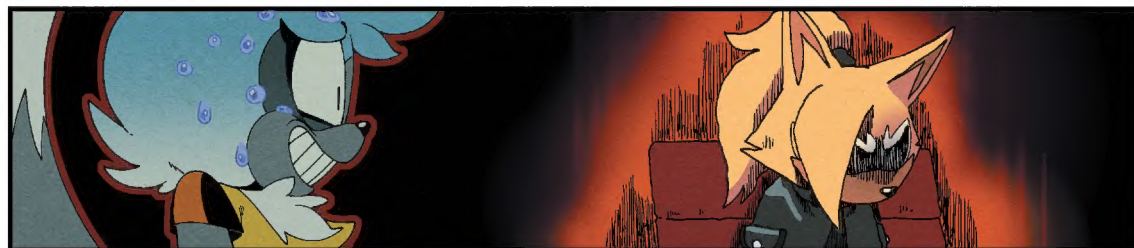
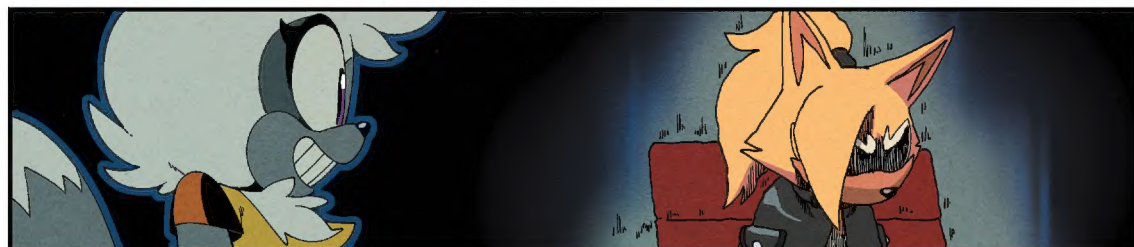
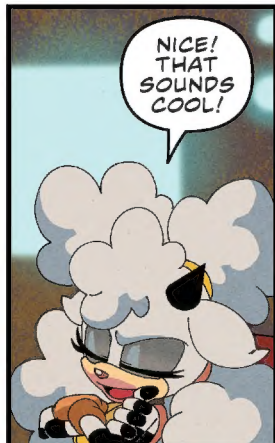
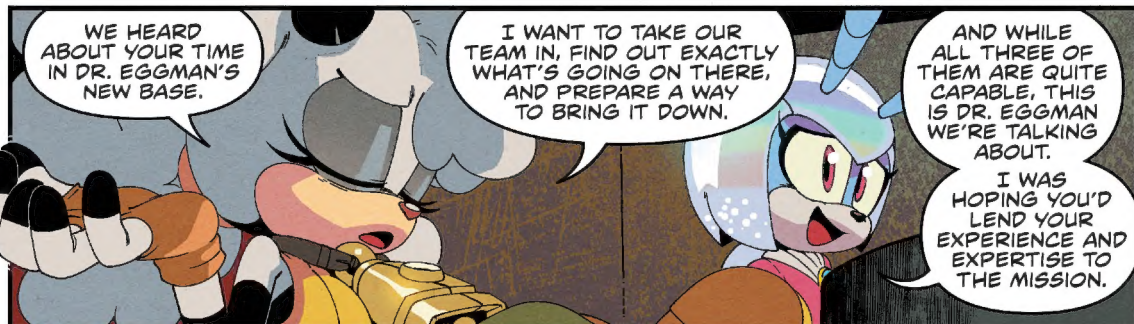
IT'S GOOD TO HAVE YOU AROUND AGAIN, BESTIE! I'VE MISSED YA!

YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT AFTER THAT BUSINESS WITH SURGE?*

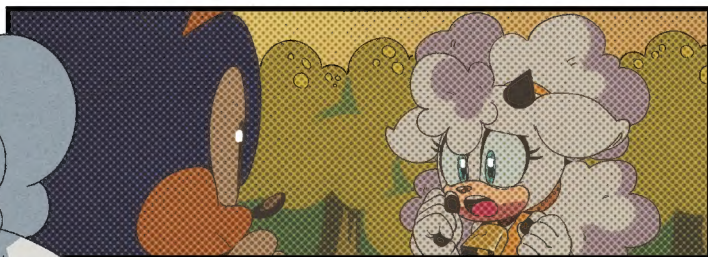
I'M FINE.

*STH #53-56--EDS.

SO WHAT'S THE FAVOR, THEN?



YOU SAVED
MY TOWN OF
RIVERSIDE FROM A
BADNIK INVASION
A WHILE BACK.*



YOU
INSPIRED ME
TO DO MORE SO
I JOINED THE
RESTORATION.



SOON I
WAS WORKING
DIRECTLY WITH
DIRECTOR
JEWEL.



*WAY BACK IN STH #2--EDS.

AWESOME! THEN
IT'S A PLEASURE TO
MEET YOU AGAIN--FOR
THE FIRST TIME.

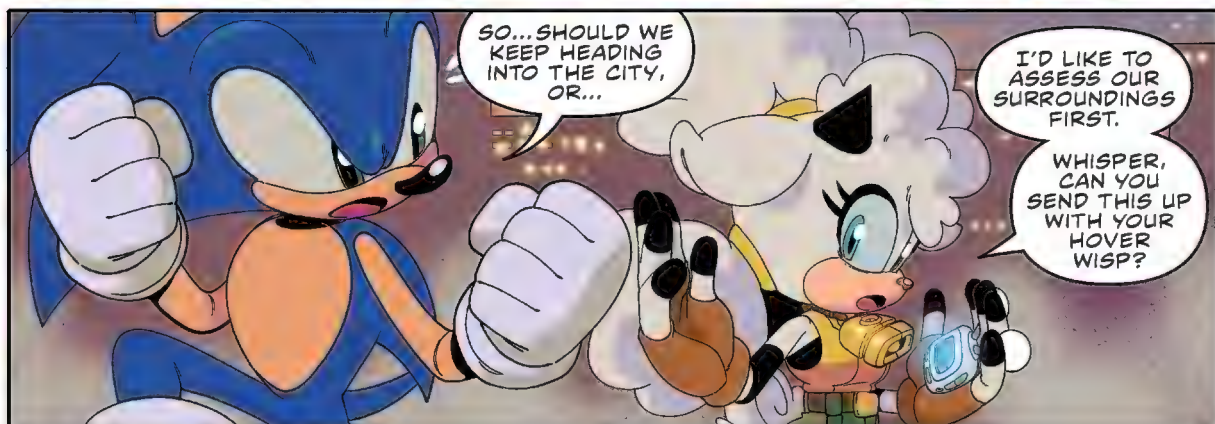
HAHA! THE
PLEASURE'S
ALL MINE!

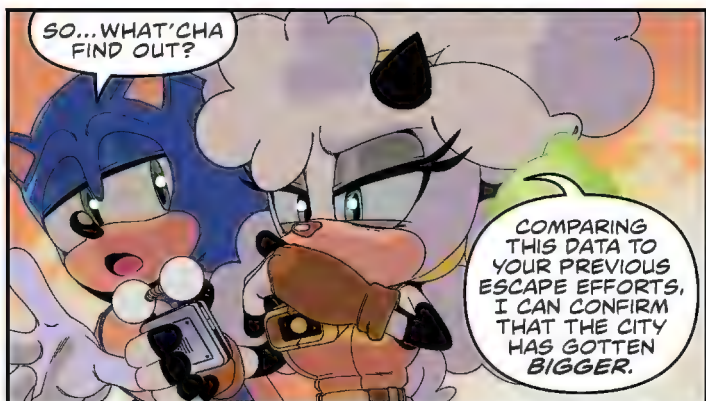
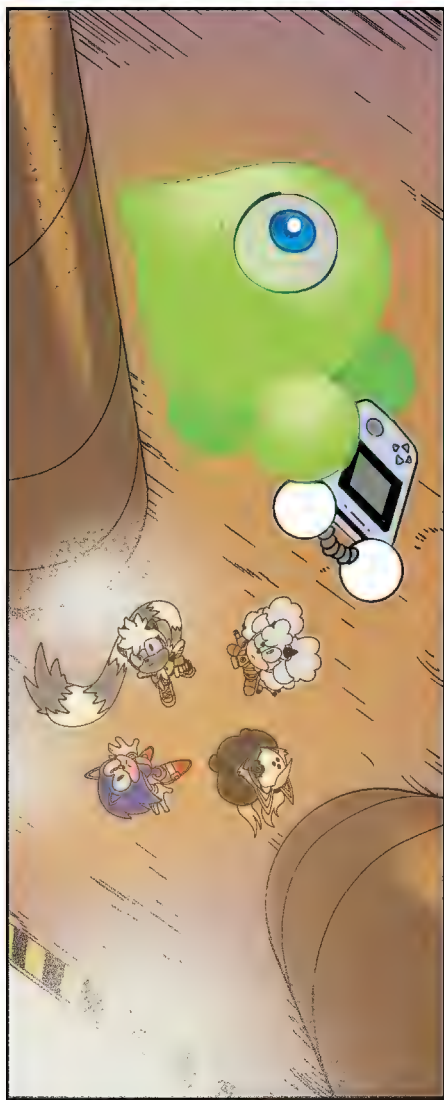
WHEN DO
YOU PLAN ON
LEAVING FOR
THE MISSION?

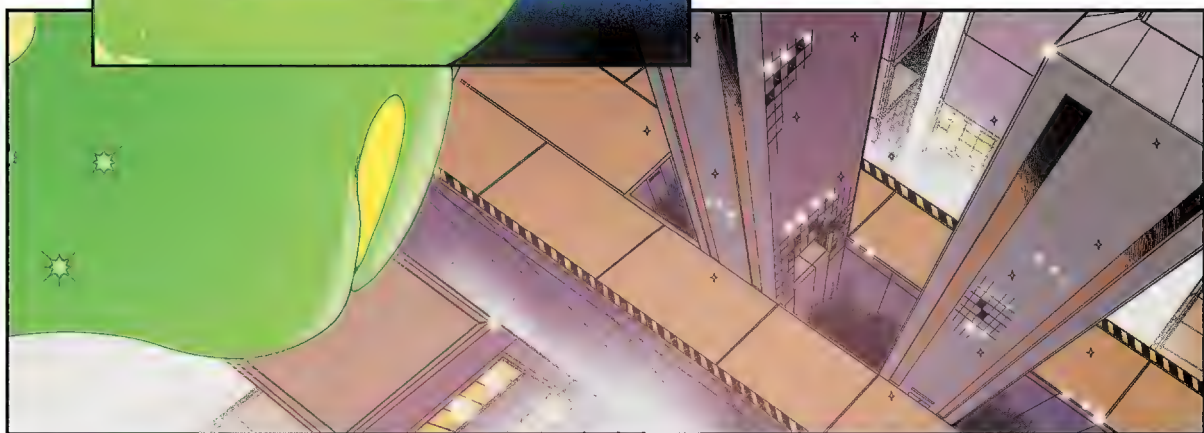
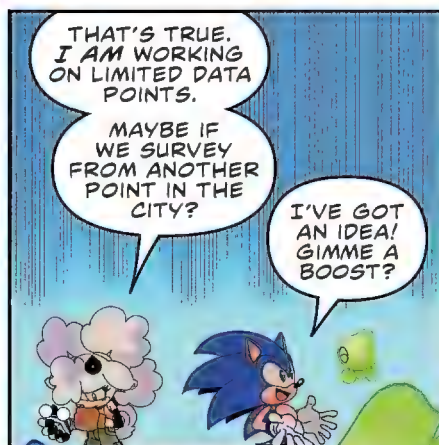
WE'RE
READY IF
YOU ARE.

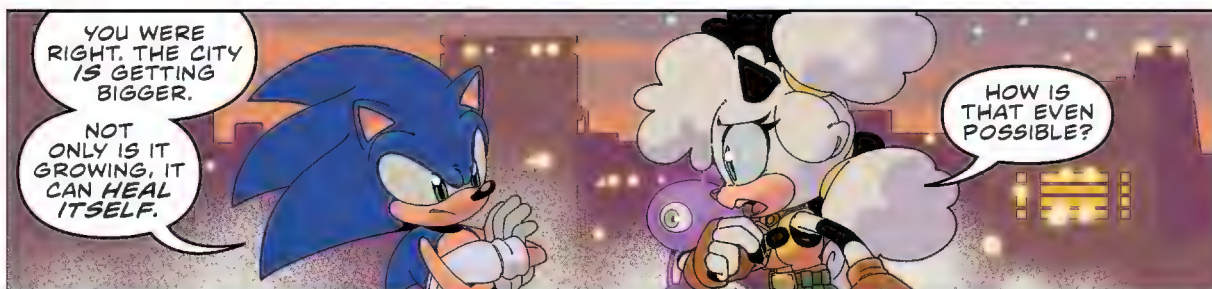
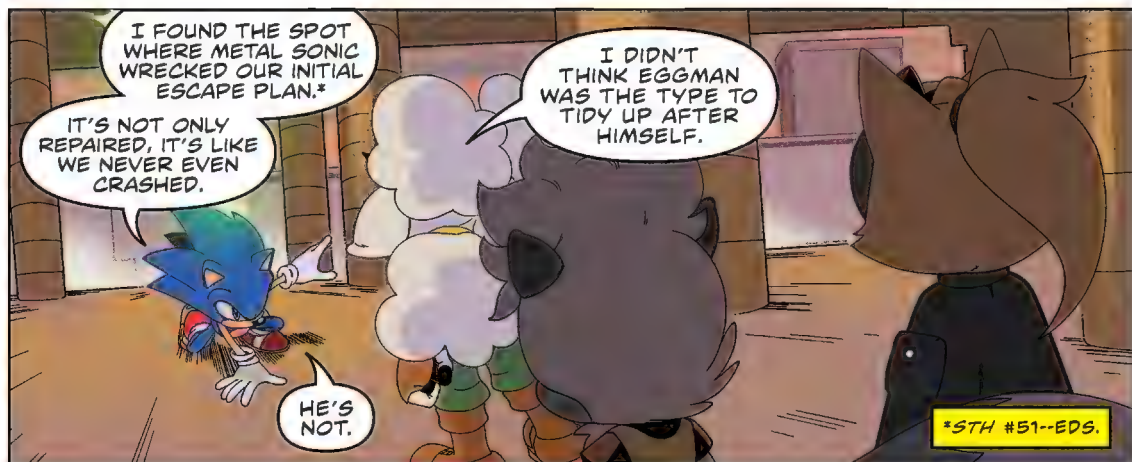
I WAS
BORN
READY!

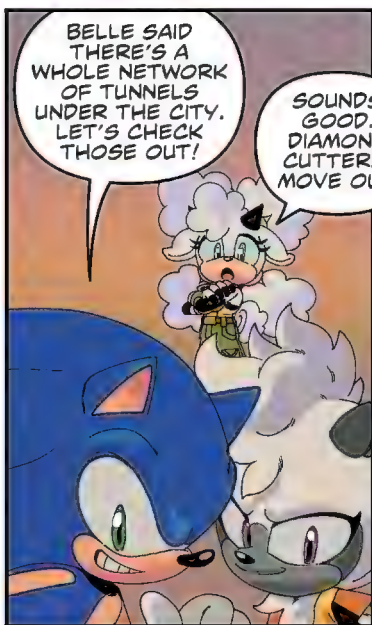


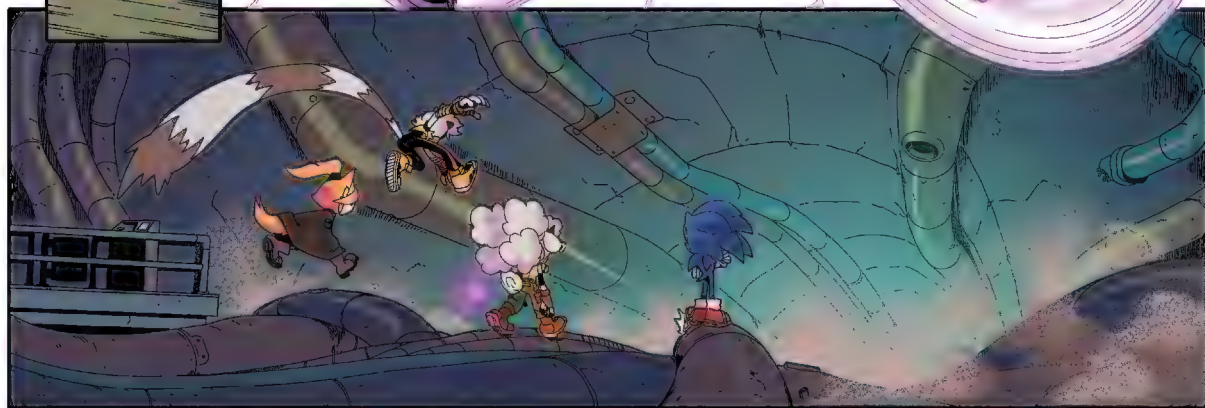
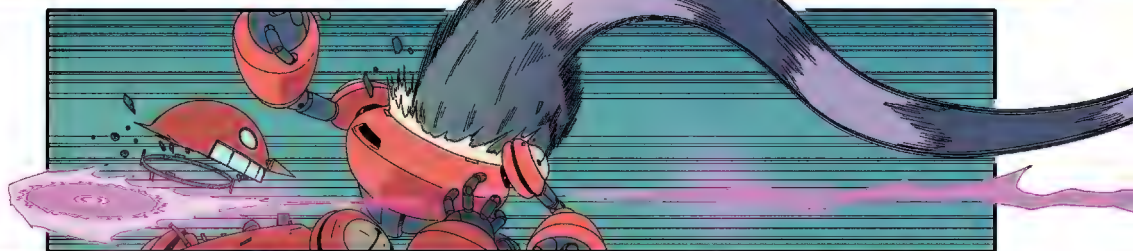
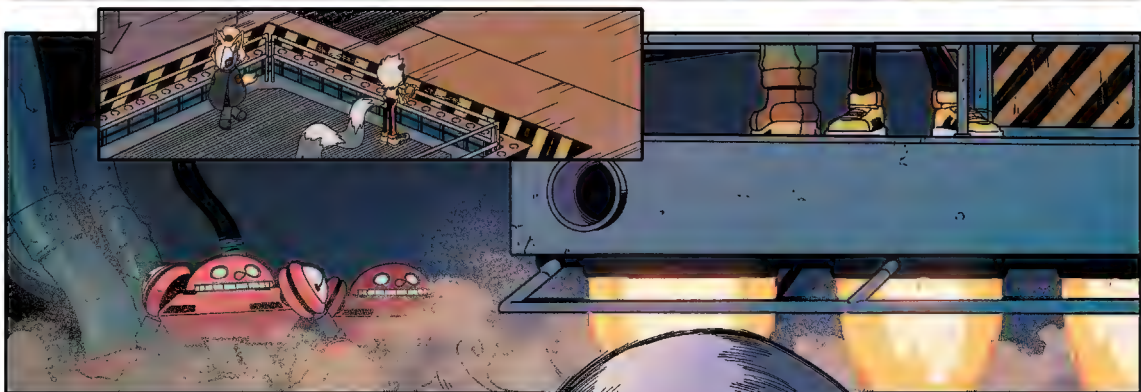
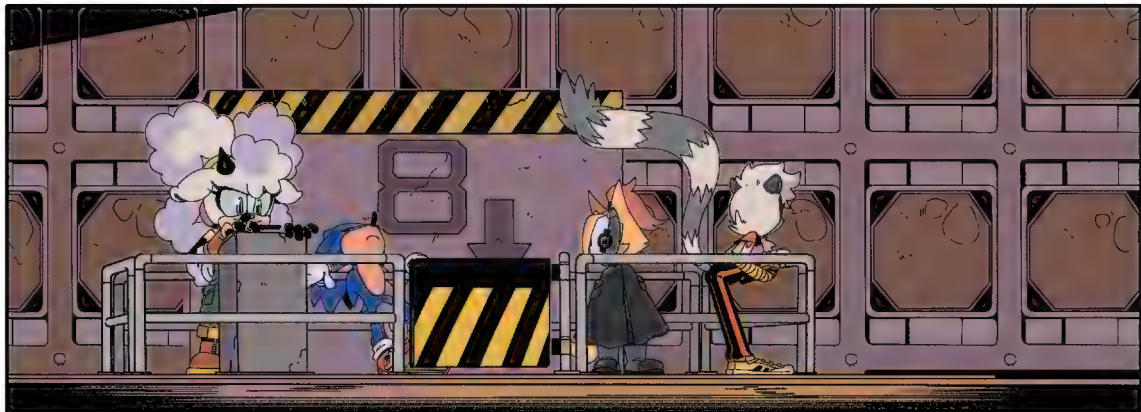


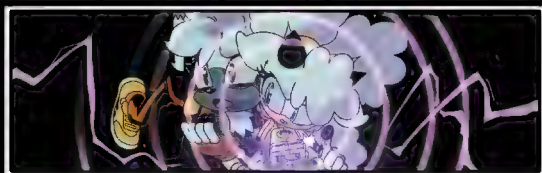
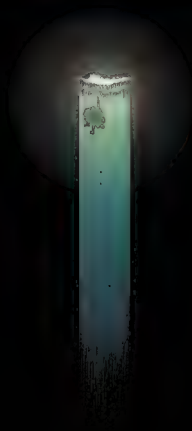
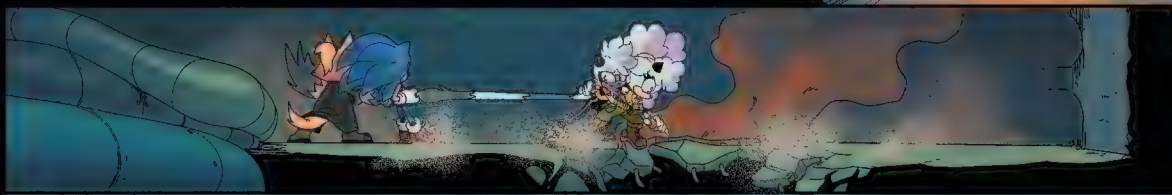
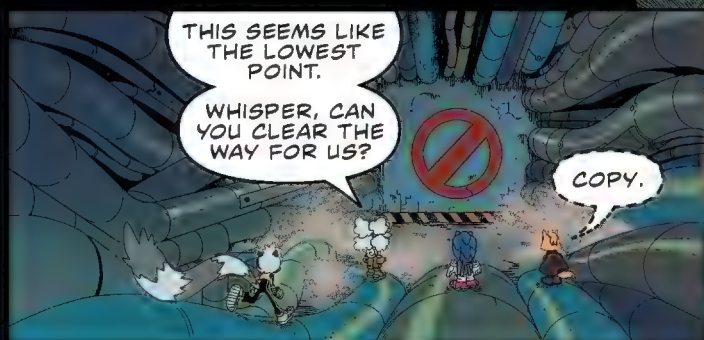


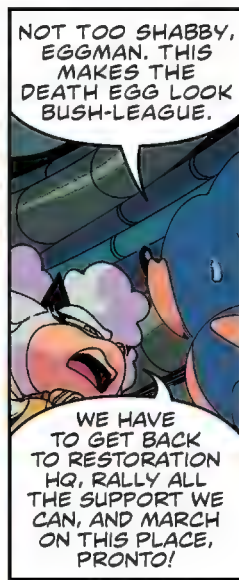
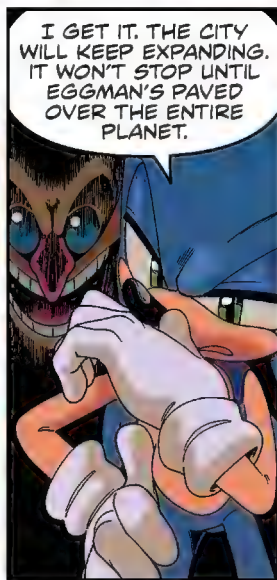
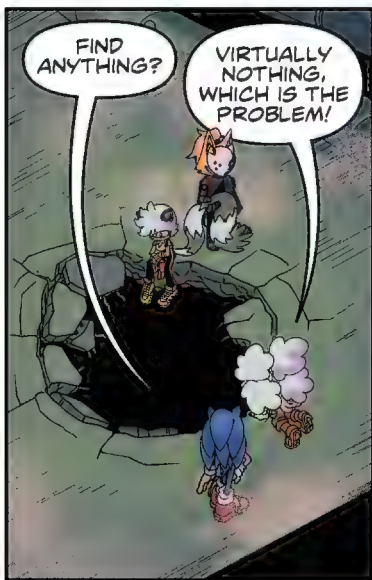












OR--AND
HEAR ME OUT--
WE JUST DO
IT NOW.

WE'VE GOT
THE TEAM, WE'RE IN
THE CITY, AND I KNOW
EGGMAN IS IN THAT BIG,
UGLY TOWER AT THE
MIDDLE OF IT ALL.

THAT'S FAR
TOO DANGEROUS.
THIS TEAM IS
UNTESTED, AND YOU
BARELY ESCAPED
LAST TIME. WE NEED
TO MARSHAL MORE
FORCES FIRST!

AND HOW
BIG IS THIS CITY
GOING TO GET
WHILE YOU'RE
A-MARSHALIN'?

IT'LL GROW
UNOPPOSED IF
WE GET TAKEN
OUT TODAY!

THOSE
ARE BOTH
GOOD
POINTS.
UM...

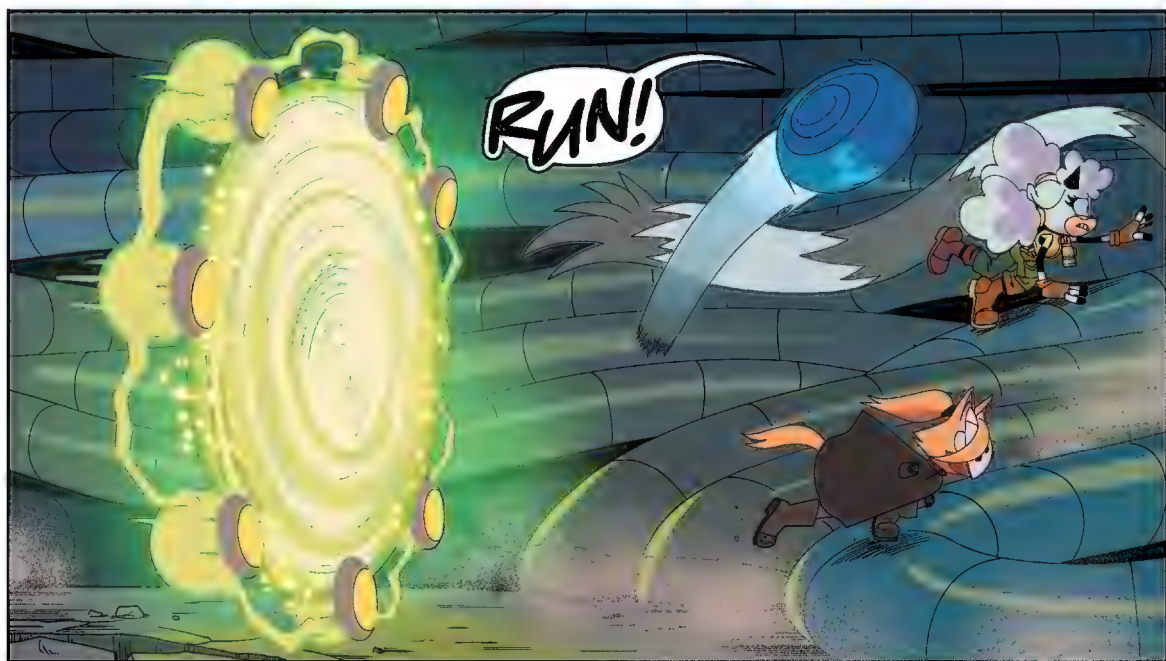
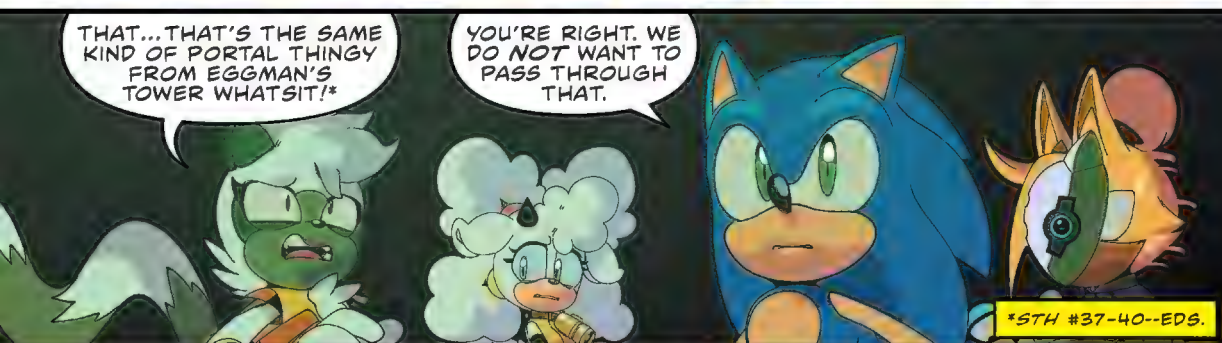
YOU ALL
FALL BACK.
I WILL STAY
AND SCOUT.

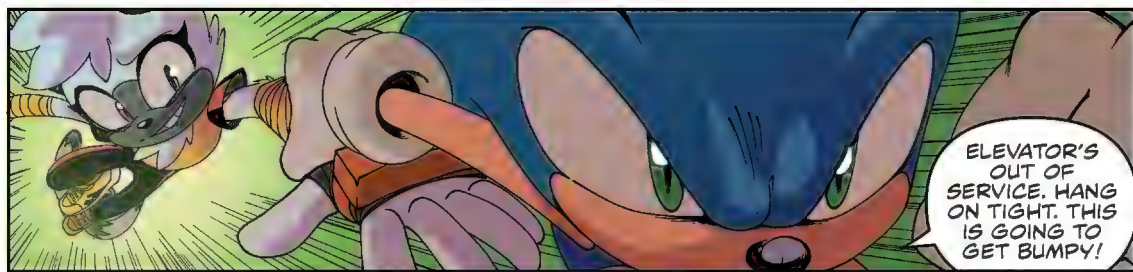
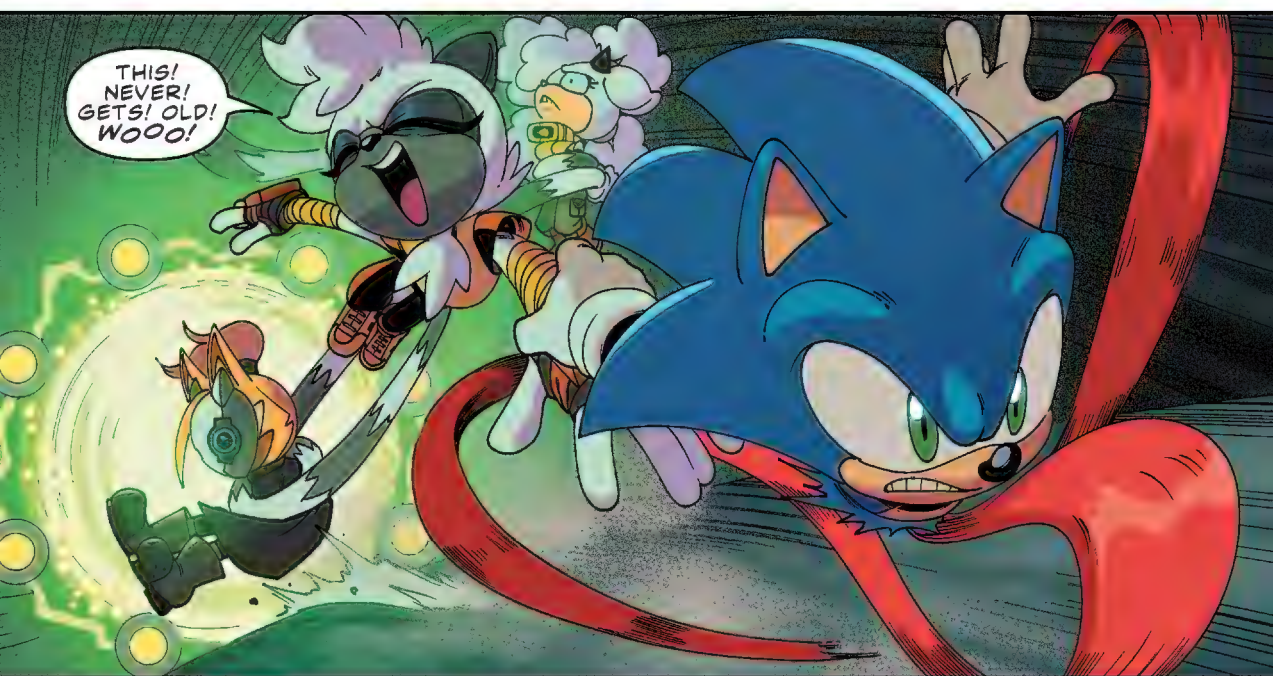
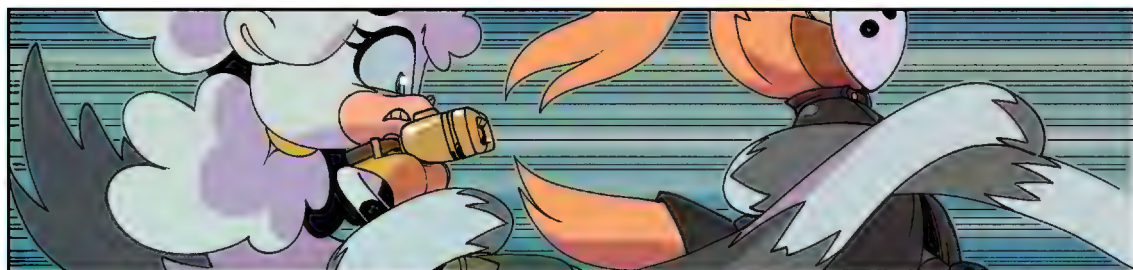
OH,
NO, YOU
DON'T!

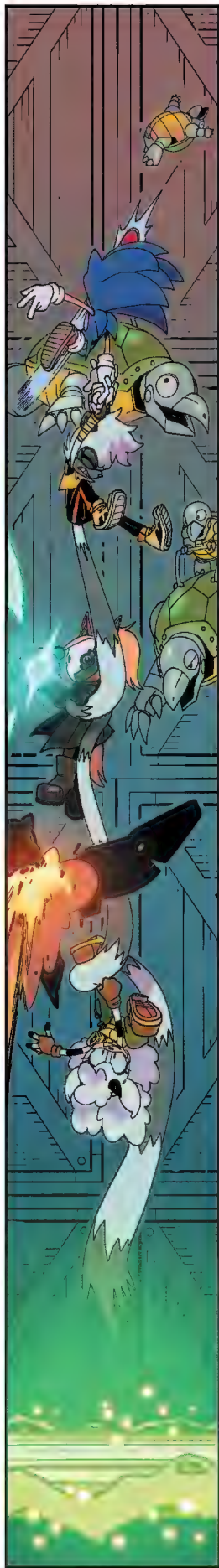
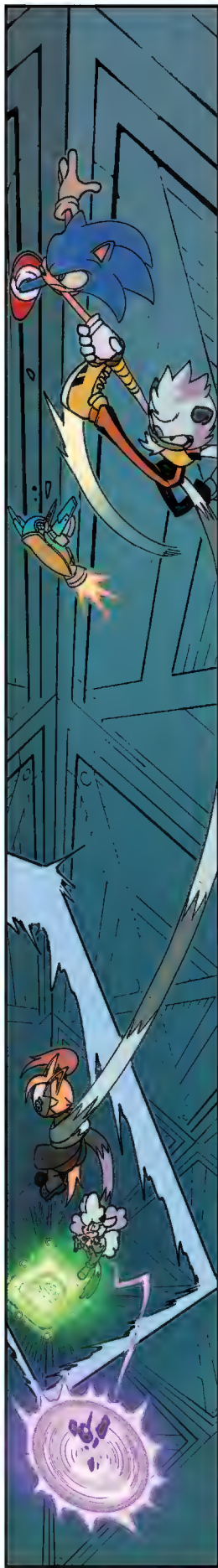
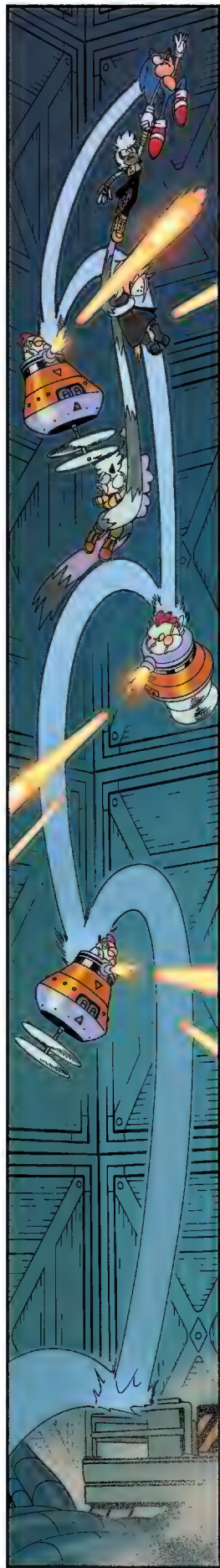
YOU JUST
HAD YOUR
OWN CLOSE
CALL! QUIT
TRYING TO
GO SOLO!

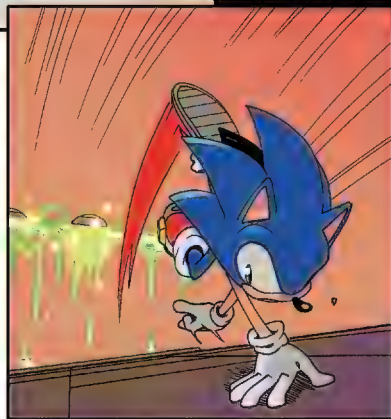
KER-
CHACK





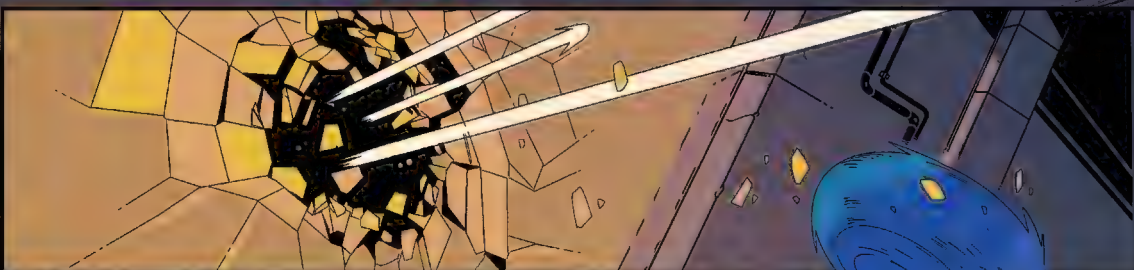








OH,
COME
ON!



HEY,
JEWEL?
TURNS OUT
I'M A LOUSY
CHAPERONE.

THE
DIAMOND
CUTTERS ARE
IN TROUBLE,
AND I'M KINDA
SURROUNDED.



I DON'T
SAY THIS
OFTEN, BUT...I
COULD USE
SOME HELP.

NEXT TIME:
REINFORCEMENTS
ARRIVE!



NEXT MONTH



Tommy
Valley!
DEE
GEE
MIN

SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



Bonjour, Sonic Squad! Sonic calling for help?! That's crazy... Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Matt Herms, and

Shawn Lee for issue #57! Now, let's check out your art and get to know a bit more about artist Min Ho Kim!



CREATOR CORNER: MIN HO KIM



What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I draw cover art as well as color them!

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Tails! Love all his inventions and his adorableness...is...
MAXIMUM!

How do you take your chili dog?

Absolutely LOADED with shredded cheese and jalapeños!

How did you first discover Sonic?

My parents bought a GameCube with a copy of *Sonic Adventure 2: Battle* when I was a wee little lad! I instantly fell in love with the game, and I've been playing it again and again ever since.

What was the first IDW issue you worked on?

Scrapnik Island #1! I did the B cover for it!

What's a boring fact about yourself?

I like looking at birds. Big birds. Small birds. Ugly birds. To me, they're all great. All birds are great birds. I hope we can all agree.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Loooove *Cucumber Quest* by Gigi D.G. It's such a wonderfully colored comic with a very cute story. If we're talking about manga, I adore *Bakuman*. It's such an inspirational book that I think every artist should read!

What do you do when you're not drawing/working on Sonic?

I'm usually reading stuff! Stuff 'n things! I'm really big into manga so I'll just go and read anything that catches my eye!

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

I have this off-model Amy face mask that I've owned since I was 5 or 6. I remember wearing it to school constantly because it was the only Sonic-related clothing I had!

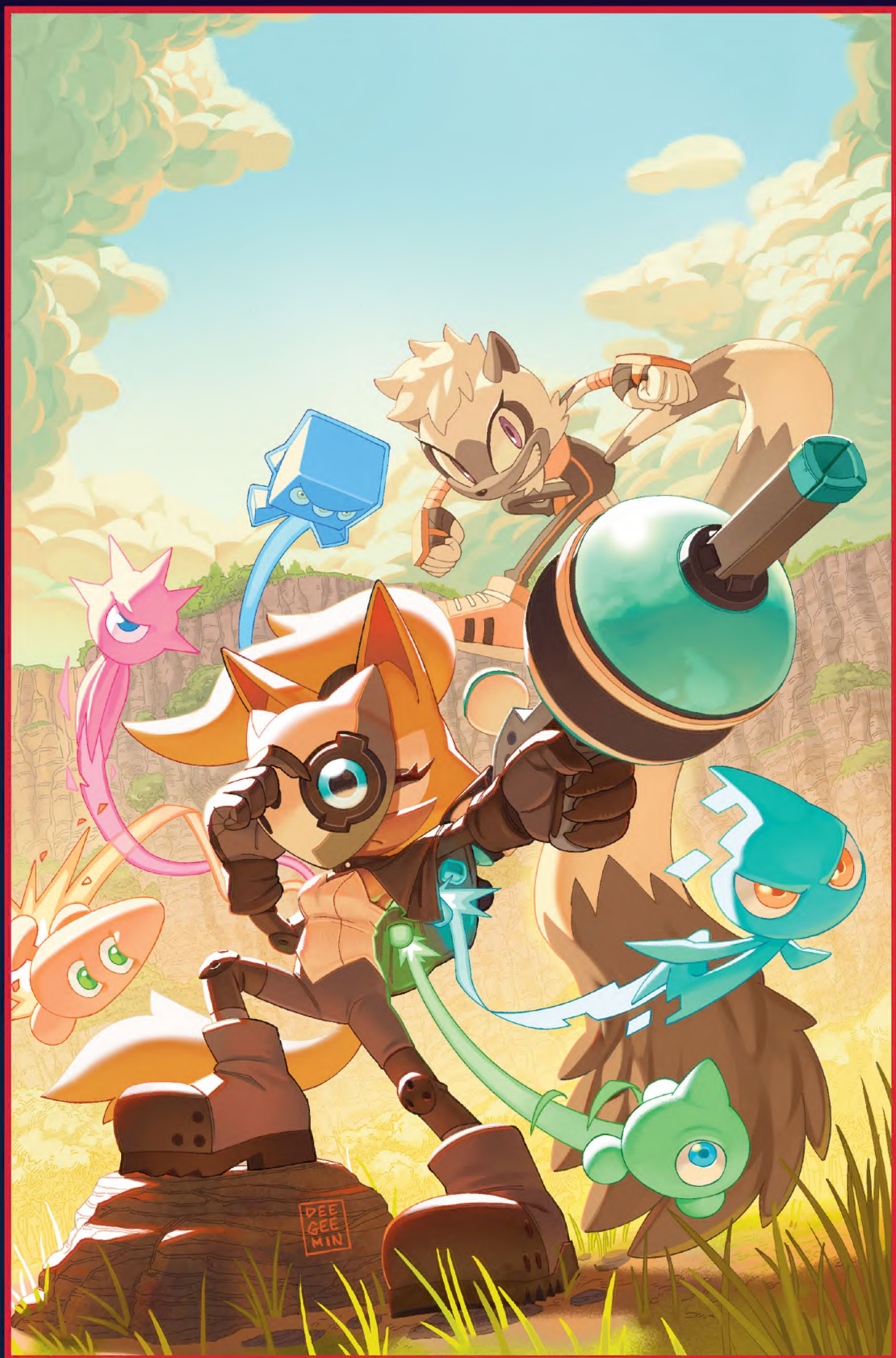
If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character who would it be and why?

I'd probably go with Big! I think both of us would very much enjoy our time eating large quantities of food. That and our talks would be nice and simple. Hehe.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

I'd be a koala. I love sleeping in whenever I can get the chance. Also, I just like their unique look compared to most other *Sonic* characters. They have these small, beady eyes that I find neat!

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, a new team joins the fight!



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